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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to construct some new airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details alongwith the locations thereof;

(c) the details of the foreign capital investments to be made for construction of airports; and

(d) the details of the foreign companies which have shown interest in construction of airports in the country?

Answer

- MINISTER OF STATE(INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) & (b): At present two Greenfield airport projects, one at Devanahalli near Bangalore and the other at Shamshabad near Hyderabad, are in progress. Government of India has already entered into Concession Agreements with the project companies of these Greenfield airports. The project company for Devanahalli airport, Bangalore International Airport Limited(BIAL), has already executed the relevant project agreements and the Financial Close has been achieved by it on 23rd June, 2005. As per the Concession Agreement entered by Government of India with BIAL, the new airport at Devanahalli is required to be completed within 33 months from the date of Financial Close.

The project agreements for Shamshabad, Hyderabad airport are in different stages of execution. The project Company for this airport i.e. Hyderabad International Airport Limited(HIAL) is required to complete this project within 36 months from the date of financial close, as per the Concesssion Agreement entered by Government of India with HIAL. Financial Close is expected to be achieved by September, 2005. Government has also given in principle approval for construction of new greenfield airports at MOPA in Goa for which the State Government has got a Techno Economic Feasibility Report prepared. There are also plans for construction of greenfield airports at Navi Mumbai, Chakan near Pune, Ludhiana in Punjab, Kannur in Kerala, Pakyong in Sikkim, Kohima in Nagaland which are in preliminary stages.

(c) & (d): M/s Malaysian Airports Holding Berhard of Malaysia propose to invest Rs.43 crores in HIAL and M/s Siemens Ltd. and M/s Unique Zurich Ltd. propose to invest an equity of Rs.130.7 crores and Rs.55.5 crores respectively in BIAL.